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SUBJECT: TAIWAN PURCHASING MISSION

1. PREPARATIONS FOR TAIWAN PURCHASING MISSION VISIT TO THE
U.S. STILL FAR FROM COMPLETE. LIST OF STATES TO BE
VISITED HAS BEEN REVISED SEVERAL TIMES AND FINAL ITINERARY
NOT YET DECIDED. DETAILS REGARDING PROCUREMENT SUCH AS
ITEMS, AMOUNTS, METHODS AND LOCATIONS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.
TENTATIVELY, PLANS ARE FOR A BUYING MISSION OF ABOUT 25
PERSONS (10-12 AGRICULTURAL) TO LEAVE TAIWAN ON JANUARY 10,
1978 FOR A VISIT OF AROUND 45 DAYS IN THE UNITED STATES.
FIRST STOP WILL BE IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE TAIWAN TOBACCO AND
WINE MONOPOLY BUREAU WILL CONTRACT FOR AN UNDETERMINED
QUANTITY OF U.S. WINE.

2. SCHEDULE OF STATES TO BE VISITED AND AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS TO BE PURCHASED ACCORDING TO PLANS ON DECEMBER 19
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WERE AS FOLLOWS: CALIFORNIA, WINE; WASHINGTON, 26,000
MT BARLEY; OREGON, 25,000 MT WHEAT; MONTANA, 56,000 MT
WHEAT, 26,000 MT BARLEY; NEBRASKA, 200,000 MT CORN; KANSAS,
100,000 MT CORN, 13,500 MT WHEAT; OKLAHOMA, 13,500 MT WHEAT;
ILLINOIS, 200,000 MT CORN; IOWA, 54,000 MT SOYBEANS, 200,000
MT CORN; TENNESSEE, 27,000 MT SOYBEANS, 50,000 MT CORN;
SOUTH CAROLINA, 27,000 MT SOYBEANS. CONTRARY TO EARLIER

INFORMATION, MISSION WILL NOT PURCHASE U.S. APPLES. WHILE MISSION TENTATIVELY PLANS VISIT ARIZONA TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CITRUS INDUSTRY, NO PURCHASES OF CITRUS WILL BE MADE. OTHER STATES TENTATIVELY ON TOUR SCHEDULE INCLUDE FLORIDA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, AND TEXAS. AGRICULTURAL ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED IN THESE FIVE STATES HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

3. ACCORDING TO H.K. SHAO, DIRECTOR GENERAL, BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE, THE MISSION WILL SPEND ABOUT 3 DAYS IN EACH STATE AND SOME MISSION MEMBERS WILL RETURN TO TAIWAN AS COMMODITY PURCHASES ARE COMPLETED. GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF EACH STATES. THE GROUP PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C., AT CONCLUSION OF MISSION AND WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF USDA. WASHINGTON ARRIVAL WILL PROBABLY BE DURING LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY OR FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

4. COMMODITY TRADE ASSOCIATIONS IN TAIPEI HAVE MADE INFORMAL REQUEST TO WA, ASA, AND USFGC TO PROVIDE TEAM ESCORTS. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZERS OF MISSION HAVE NOT REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE ESCORTS FOR COMMODITY GROUPS. SINCE MISSION WILL BE ASSISTED BY GROC CONSULATES AND DC EMBASSY IN ALL LOCATIONS, RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT VOLUNTEER ESCORT SERVICES BY TAIWAN COOPJATOR PERSONNEL FOR THIS EXTENDED MISSION.
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5. FOR FITZSIMMONDS. TAIWAN HAS PURCHASED 110,000 CASES OF U.S. APPLES WHICH HAVE BEEN SOLD TO A SINGLE BUYER IN TAIWAN AS IN PAST YEARS. APPARENTLY APPLES HAVE BEEN DELETED FROM BUYING MISSION SHOPPING LIST WITH EXPLANATION THAT SUCH PURCHASES WOULD ARRIVE TOO LATE FOR PEAK DEMAND PERIOD DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. ALSO SUSPECT THAT SOME CONTROVERSIES HAVE ARISEN WITHIN GROC AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLE IMPORTS IN THE PERIOD FOLLOWING INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASED IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. A FEW WEEKS AGO. WILL INVESTIGWES AND REPORT FURTHER.

6. FOR DOUGLAS/LANKFORD. ANNOUNCED PURCHASES OF CORN, WHEAT AND SOYBEANS FOR DELIVERY IN 1978 ARE NOT IN EXCESS OF ANTICIPATED PURCHASES IN THE ABSENCE OF A BUYING MISSION. GROC ORGANIZERS OF BUYING MISSION INITIALLY INSISTED THAT PURCHASES OF GRAINS AND SOYBEANS BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF STATE OF ORIGIN. HOWEVER, LOCAL COMMODITY REPRESENTATIVES OBJECTED STRONGLY TO THIS SUGGESTION AND THIS MATTER IS CURRENTLY UNDER RECONSIDERATION. HOPEFULLY THIS ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED AT OR PRIOR TO A

MEETING BETWEEN COMMODITY REPRESENTATIVES AND GROC OFFICIALS
ON DECEMBER 24. WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN ITINERARY IS
FIRM AND PURCHASING PROCEDURES AND QUANTITIES BY LOCATION
HAVE BEEN DETERMINED. UNQUOTE
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